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When you are working for a man, occasionally ask yourself whether if you were the employer you would hire a man like yourself. It is a sure way of getting a move on yourself.

HOW SEATTLE COUNTS

THE SEATTLE census spirit is nothing if not enterprising. Manifest episodes make it clear that Seattle will literally allow not one to escape the count.

Another Portlander has been to Seattle. As he was leaving that city a census artist halted him at the dock, shoved a blank into his hand and requested him to sign his name to the muster roll of the sound's metropolis.

Nor was this all. Before he had gone 10 yards, a second multiplication table met him and began an even more ferocious demand for his antecedents, pedigree and other census data.

This returned Portlander is a prominent local citizen of undoubted veracity and there is not the slightest doubt but the episode happened substantially as related above.

AN EXPERT VIEW

A RECENT remark, privately made, by John F. Stevens was, "Portland is destined to be the largest city on the Pacific coast."

Here is an opinion worth while. In preparation for a view as to the relative possibilities of coast cities, no man is more competent, few are as well equipped.

stimulating the commercial and industrial importance of this city. It is a view of Portland, not entirely now, but immensely accentuated by reason of the standing and conspicuous understanding of the subject by the man who uttered it.

ALASKA COAL

THE COAL deposits of Alaska are known to be of vast volume and immense value. Beyond this generalization nobody knows how much coal is up there or what it is worth.

A report states that by October 1 one company with coal lands in Alaska will be turning out 500 tons of coal a day.

CAPTAIN HOBSON'S EQUILIBRIUM

IN A SPEECH Congressman Hobson declares that the only way to preserve the world's equilibrium is for this country to spend \$64,000,000 a year and then some on super Dreadnaughts for the next 10 years.

AN UNBOTTLED OREGON

IT IS MANIFEST that the day of a bottled Oregon is passing. For 20 years, the state was practically without railroad building.

collated and effective railroad traffic, but she has nearly 4000 miles of railroad track to our 2200. We have been so poverty stricken in railroads that but four other states in the union have so small a mileage in proportion to population and wealth.

SCARCITY OF FARM LABOR

THE HARVEST time is far off yet, but even now there comes a loud call from the country for more help.

The scarcity of labor now, portending a greater lack when the great harvest comes on, will be more or less of a drawback to development, and is a perpetual and growing problem.

THREE CENT FARE

DURING MARCH the operation of the Cleveland streetcar system on the basis of a 3 cent fare showed a balance on the right side of the ledger.

THE BRITISHER'S ADVANTAGE

A PUBLICATION called the Western Empire published a rate table for the British Post-Office Guide which shows that a British citizen can send an 11-pound package from New York to San Francisco—or from New York to any other point in this country—for 24 cents, while an American would have to pay much more.

BAD ADVICE

LET US have no more bonds, no more debt, spend no more money, says the Oregonian, although the city is gaining in population by tens of thousands and in wealth by millions annually.

be right about that—why are they, from Taft down, going to make such prolonged and strenuous efforts from now on to keep the country from going Democratic?

SMALL CHANGE

Census begins Friday; by reads. Joy rises frequently and in grief. Whatever others may do, April won't reform by going dry.

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt. STARTING THE FLY VERSES. Now the first fly of spring To the air spreads his wings.

KING MENELIK IS DEAD

If you have tears, dear Christian friends, prepare to shed them now. For death has once more laid his hand on Menelik's head.

What Will Roosevelt Do?

Ray Stannard Baker in the American Magazine. It is safe to say, then, that Roosevelt will feel the pulse of the country pretty carefully—there at Oyster Bay—before he acts.

Making Machine Shops Noiseless

Electric drive for machine tools is doing much towards making the machine shop noiseless. It is not probable that the element of noise in the shops will be eliminated entirely, but when each machine is equipped with noiseless gears and driven by a noiseless motor it is apparent that most of the noise will be practically gone.

Taft Serves Privilege

Ray Stannard Baker, in the American Magazine, quotes a prominent western Republican as follows: Taft has been exactly what I expected him to be.

April 12 in History—Henry Clay

Today is the birthday of Henry Clay, the "Great Compromiser." He was one of those striking figures in the political history of our country during the first half of the past century.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Many land sales in Willows county. Merril will try to bring in water for irrigation. Umattila county is suffering from a labor famine. Many tracts of land being sold around Cottage Grove.

"Big Noises" of the Days' News

Copyright, 1910, by Edwin Willman. Come on, boys! Who'll be the first to reach up to the front and name a kid for Chauncey? He'll be the gladdest god father you ever did see—a long shot more ecstatic about it than he was a dozen or so years ago, when he was filled with orders for silver mugs.

Admirable Crichton

Contributed to the Journal by Will Mason, of Jackson, Kansas, in the regular feature of this column in the Daily Journal. They tell about a wondrous man who died ere you were born; and I believe the tales I've heard about him—in a home they say he once lived in—of everything he tried, and he could write a lovely ode, or pierce a swordman's hide; or plan a war or kiss a coo; or sing a serenade; he was the glory of his sex, with his blue "glads" with all his life I've never heard of anything he's done that helped to brighten up the world, or cheer a weary one.

Chicken Hint

BUY a chicken a year old, as it will be twice the size of a young one when you are cooking it. Place in flour, and place in earthen cooking crock, sprinkle with salt, moist cover with boiling water. Cook crock tightly and cook slowly from two to three hours.

Almond Sponge

A DELICIOUS almond sponge is made by cooking two cupsful of milk with a quarter cupful of cornstarch until the milk thickens and then adding four tablespoonfuls of sugar, a little salt, cooking ten minutes, then adding the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs, and dry and tender, add almonds. Serve with a custard made with the yolks of the eggs, four tablespoonfuls of sugar and a cupful of milk. Coconut may be used instead of the almonds.

6% REALM FEMINE

Speaking of Perfect Servants. HERE is something very alluring about the notion of a faithful servant. He has been a pet character with poets and novelists from the time Homer drove Eumæus, the devoted swineherd, Sancho Panza is one of the world's heroes. The old retainers in Scott make up a whole army.

This sort of thing is very popular on the stage, but in the cold air of very practical life it is not known to pall. A servant too affectionate can be rather a nuisance. A servant too careful about you can be more than a little tyrant. The old retainers seem to have too good a memory of the days when master or mistress was a child, and was apt to preserve the manner appropriate to that relationship. But, upon the whole, it is not such minor troubles as these which we have nowadays to fear.

In the bustling, hustling modern world there is little chance of our retaining with servants beyond the personal. We are much more likely to lapse into a habit of treating them as machines, which they naturally repay by the same token. The human being is a machine tender. What is the perfect servant? We had a suggestion in Mme. Steinheil's trial, when Mariette Wolff thus summed up the whole duty of the woman below stairs: "You should see everything and say nothing."

A good many people will protest loudly. The command to say nothing is well enough, they have no desire to encourage a servant to see everything. There is so much in the most respectable life which is not intended for publication, that if you want to be absolutely private, the only way is to keep no servants at all. With the least curious of maids or men about the house they must see much, and it is better to be sure enough to be good servants; they will infer a deal more. Moreover, if you want to be well served, it is desirable that they should.

We are not to forget the other class, the "old-fashioned" theory as to the whole duty of servants. They have not only to see everything, but to say nothing. You sleep better if you realize at once that this is a council of the impossible. The human being is not yet made who will say nothing of what amuses, interests, or annoys her. If you suppose that your servants find you neither annoying nor interesting, you are mistaken. The human being is gratulated on a superhuman and quite useless modesty. All you can hope for is that they will say nothing nasty. Provision for that contingency is in the hands of the gods. The conclusion is, the conclusion is, that you will never get the perfect servant till you are the perfect mistress.

Chauncey Mitchell Depeu

At his best he was a wit, a brilliant writer, something of a snob, and a good lawyer. At his worst he was but the right hand of more powerful men, and he had been hooded into popular favor because he furnished a steady stream of copy. He really set a style in speaking. When Depeu was a boy, in Peekskill, N. Y., the man was esteemed the best orator who could tear the most steam out of the sky and set them twinkling in the national flag. Depeu told funny stories and kidded his audience. He turned the tide of a campaign when he referred to a candidate as reminding him of "Thee".

And he always has preserved a delightfully youthful point of view. Most men born in 1834 are old; Depeu isn't, except in the yellowed pages in the family Bible shows. That house in Peekskill where he first saw the light had been in the possession of his French Huguenot family for more than 200 years. Depeu was a member of the Yale that he took an active part in the national campaign in 1886, and he has never missed one since. After holding a state office or two he became a corporation attorney, and for more than 20 years was the personal representative of the Vanderbilt interests. For 23 days New York Republican legislators voted for him for United States senator, until he withdrew to permit the election of Warner Miller. Then he tried to get rich-quick, and the trouble he had got-quick, all fell on him. He went to the senate in 1901, and his senatorial record consisted in having stayed there since. Tillman turned the tables on him during a ruction in the senate by digging up one of Depeu's own stories— "Editor's Fool!" said Mr. Depeu. "They print what we tell them to."

Also, they printed what he told them not to, as he recalled with tears in his eyes during the tornado that followed. But he never really did any of the bad things said of him.

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